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We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

Ruth Rebecca Jane Ritchie, 63

Ruth Rebecca Jane Ritchie, 63, of Loman, Minn., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, at her home.

Ruth was born April 3, 1950, in Whiteford, Md., the daughter of the late Ralph Leroy Ritchie and Lucy Viola Perkins Ritchie.

She graduated from North Harford High School in 1969.

Ruth worked as a dental assistant for many years and was then employed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in the medical records department.

In 1994, Ruth and her husband, George Hartmann, moved to Baudette, Minn.,

and started a small cattle farm. In 2004, they decided to sell the farm and move to Loman.

Ruth spent her retired life enjoying time with her family, gardening, reading, crafting, and quilting.

She was a member of the Moose Creek Quilters in Loman.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Lucy; a brother, Ralph David Ritchie; and a sister, Margaret Carolyn Ritchie Wise.

In addition to her husband of 34 years, George, Ruth is survived by two

daughters, Julie Ann Davis Parker and her husband, Curtis Parker; and Heather Lynn Davis Arpino and her husband, Michael Arpino; four grandchildren — Curtis Woodruff Parker II, Ceciley Jane Parker, Justin Carl Parker and Adelaide Mae Arpino; four sisters — Donna Mae Finney, Rita Faye Barker, Mary Lynn Doak and Eunice Gondaeliese Hamrick; and one sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Morris Ritchie.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Loman.



The family wishes to thank Fairview Hospice and the many friends and neighbors for their support in her final days.

Patricia Ann Wilke, 60

Patricia Ann Wilke, 60, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at her home in St. Paul, Minn.

She was born April 29, 1953, in El Paso, Texas, and moved to the family farm in Sparta, Wis., when she was a young girl.

She married James Wilke on Sept. 18, 1971, in Cottage Grove, Minn.

She was a stay-at-home loving mom who loved her gardens and could bring a dying plant back to beautiful one and enjoyed cooking for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; parents, Marie Blose and John Mendoza; parents-in-law, Frank and Ethel Wilke; and brother-in-law, Ryan Parrish.

She is survived by her children — Linda (Todd), Traci, Jacob and Joshua (Ashley); seven grandchildren — Elizabeth, Ryan, Allison Bobst; Johnathan, Lory, Corey and Prue Wilke; great-grandson, Justin “Chubs” Wilke; sisters, Faun (Bill) Annunziata of



Forest Lake, Minn., Linda Parrish of Laughlin, Nev., and Lisa (George) Hicks of Woodbury, Minn.; brothers, Tony (Kay) Mendoza of St. Paul, Ed (Vickie) of Anchorage, Alaska, and Skip Blose of New Orleans, La.; and lots of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Cross Lutheran Church, Roberts, Wis.

Interment will be at Warren Cemetery, Roberts.

Arrangements are with Wulff Funeral Home, St. Paul.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Jill Kantos, daughter of Nick and Sharen Kantos, is a cheerleader for the University of Minnesota, Crookston Trojan football team.

There will be a 60th wedding anniversary open house for Edward and Agnes Garrison Oct. 9, 2 to 4 p.m., at West Falls Estates Community Room.

40 YEARS AGO

Koochiching County deputies Sgt. James Palm, Cpl. Gary Indahl and Cpl. Jerry Sumner received promotions in the department Oct. 1.

Marlo Coran and Mrs. Ruth McLinn were among 12 persons appointed by Gov. Wendell Anderson to the Region III Environmental Education Council.

50 YEARS AGO

New officers of the South

Side Hustlers 4-H Club are: John Tivey, president; Alfred Long, vice president; Linda Everett, secretary; Ronald Long, treasurer; and Connie Hendrickson, reporter.

International Falls had a record-breaking 88-degree day today.

Mrs. Ellen Hallan of Clearbrook is spending a couple of weeks with her son, Gunder Hallan, and family.

Mrs. Clarence Matthews and daughter, Kathy, left the Falls today for Minneapolis to meet Mr. Matthews, who is returning after 1 1/2 years employment in Afghanistan and West Pakistan.

60 YEARS AGO

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eklund, 805 1/2 Fourth St., weight, 9 pounds.

A daughter was born Oct. 3 at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Oveson, weight, 4 pounds, 4 ounces, Lexie Joan.

Mrs. Roy Krats, 622 Sixth St., was honored guest at a birthday party and stork shower at the home of Mrs. Edward Laurin. A 1 o'clock dinner was served.

Two Falls couples who were married at a double ceremony here Oct. 5, 1928, will celebrate their silver wedding anniversaries together Sunday. They are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clauson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Skaro.

70 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skov of Carson-Lupie Addition announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Kay, today.

The marriage of Miss Lona Mae Phipps, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Phipps of Superior, Wis., to Pfc. Walter A. Rognerud, son of Christ Rognerud, 506 Seventh St., of this city, took place Sept. 14 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in LaCrosse, Wis.

Mrs. Ted Raymond returned this morning from a two weeks' visit with her husband, Ted Raymond, in Seattle. Mr. Raymond is being transferred to White Horse, Alaska, where he will be employed in defense work.

Pfc. M.J. Ludwig, with Mrs. Ludwig (Frances McIntosh) and young son, James, arrived here Sunday morning for a visit with relatives and friends. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Schulz, 516 Fifth St. Last evening they were supper guests of Thomas Savard and other friends at the Savard apartment.

Use these garden tips in October

After the summer we've had with hot temps and little rain we should still depend on these time-honored tips from the Minnesota Extension Service to prepare for our Minnesota winter.

Empty and clean outdoor containers of flowers or vegetables once the plants are no longer attractive or productive. Outdoor freezing and thawing cycles can crack or break almost any type of pot, especially if there's soil in it. Add the soil to a compost pile or spread it around gardens. Once they're clean and dry, store containers in a protected place such as a garage, basement or garden shed. I don't always do this but I do tip my pots and get the soil to dislodge so the pots are less likely to crack over the winter. Likely the deep leaf mulch protects them from cracking.

Continue to mow the lawn as needed and rake fallen leaves so grass doesn't mat down encouraging snow mold to develop. Grass continues to grow and likes to see the sunlight. If the leaves too deep run a power mower over them several times. This chips them into little pieces that filter harmlessly through the grass to the soil, recycling a small amount of nutrients as they break down. Otherwise, use the leaves as mulch to protect



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bulbs and flowering perennials, or compost them.

Visit your local garden center to choose flowering bulbs to plant for spring display. Plant bulbs early in October if you haven't already gotten them in. Water them well every seven to 10 days unless we get good rainfall. They need to develop roots before the soil freezes in order to come through winter in good condition. Once the soil surface freezes — often early October in our area — apply several inches of mulch to help prevent fluctuating soil temps and premature spring growth.

Occasionally, different resources offer conflicting information about zone hardiness. A tulip rated Zone 3 in one reference and Zone 4 in another may be successful if planted in a microclimate with well-drained soil and straw mulch. So take a chance

on it — you may have a pleasing surprise come spring.

Above all, at this time of year, enjoy your harvest, enjoy some rest from garden chores, enjoy planning for next year's garden. To learn about more current information to help you with your fall gardening, check out this bimonthly University of Minnesota Extension website <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/efans/ygnews/>.

Think about purchasing a University of Minnesota Extension calendar for 2014: it will have lots of gardening tips and other information on horticulture in Minnesota. It is great for keeping records of rain and snowfall, temperatures and when you planted and harvested.

To find specific reliable information about gardening and other horticultural topics, go to the University of Minnesota Extension website <http://www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo/>.

Local master gardeners will also answer your gardening questions via a voicemail service. Call 444-7916, leaving your phone number, name and the nature of your question. A volunteer master gardener will give you a call.

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